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SUBJECT: GROUP TRAVEL: U.S. COUNCIL FOR SEA TRADE & INVESTMENT

PLEASE PASS ROBERT CRAWFORD, U.S. COUNCIL FOR SEA TRADE
& INVESTMENT.

1. EMBASSY FINALIZING PROGRAM FOR SEATAI COUNCIL SINGAPORE
VISIT. ESCHEDULE BASICALLY AS DISCUSSED EARLIER WITH
CRAWFORD, WITH FOLLOWING MAJOR EXCEPTIONS:

2. CALL ON MINISTER OF FINANCE OR OTHER HIGH GOS
OFFICIAL: GOS HAS NOT YET SCHEDULED CALL FOR GROUP
ON ANY MINISTERIAL LEVEL OFFICIAL. HOWEVER, ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT BOARD(EDB) BRIEFING MONDAY AM WILL BE
CHAired BY ITS DEPUTY CHAIRMAN AND DIRECTOR, P Y HWANG.
EMBASSY NOT REPEAT NOT OPTIMISTIC ABOUT LIKELIHOOD OF
CALL ON FINANCE MINISTER.

3. EVENING SOCIAL EVENT: ALTHOUGH IT INITIALLY
INDICATED ITS WILLINGNESS TO SPONSOR SOCIAL EVENT
MONDAY P.M. EDB NOW INFORMS US IT HAS NO REPEAT NO
PLANS TO HOST EITHER DINNER OR RECEPTION FOR GROUP.
EDB POINTED OUT THAT MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS GIVE
LUNCH FOR GROUP "LAST TIME", AND CLEARLY FEELS ITS
THE COUNCIL'S TURN. INVITATIONS FOR LUNCHEON SENT
TODAY. IN VIEW OF SHORTNESS MISSION'S VISIT TO
SINGAPORE, BELIEVE MEMBERS MAY WELCOME FREE EVENING
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MAY 19, SO EMBASSY NOT PLANNING TO LEAP INTO BREACH.

4. COMMENT: INITIAL ENTHUSIASM OF EDB'S NG POCK LOO
FOR EXTENSIVE PROGRAM DOES NOT APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN
SUBSTANTIATED BY SUPERIORS; HOWEVER, BELIEVE PROGRAM
STILL AN EFFECTIVE AND PRODUCTIVE ONE.

5. EMBASSY URGENTLY NEEDS UP-TO-DATE LIST OF MISSION-
MEMBERS AS PROMISED BY CRAWFORD DURING VISIT HERE AND
GROUP'S ETA.
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